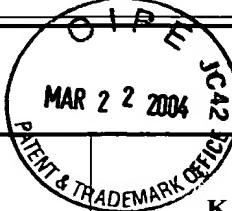


**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a)**  
**(Small Entity)**

Docket No.  
026.00041

In Re Application Of: Albrecht et al.



Serial No.  
09/748,642

Filing Date  
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Examiner  
K. Lacourciere

Group Art Unit  
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Invention: INHIBITION OF CELLULAR PROTEASES

**TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:**

This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a response to the Office Action of \_\_\_\_\_ in the above-identified application.  
*Date*

The requested extension is as follows (check time period desired):

One month       Two months       Three months       Four months       Five months

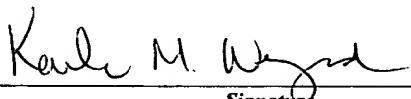
from: February 18, 2004      Date until: March 18, 2004      Date

A verified statement of small entity status as a small entity under 37 CFR 1.27:

- is enclosed.  
 has already been filed in this application.

The fee for the extension of time is \$55 and is to be paid as follows:

- A check in the amount of the fee is enclosed.  
 The Director is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-0772  
 If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor and charge any additional fees which may be required to Deposit Account No. 50-0772

  
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Dated: March 18, 2004

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I certify that this document and fee is being deposited on 3/18/04 with the U.S. Postal Service as first class mail under 37 C.F.R. 1.8 and is addressed to the Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

  
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